



CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD'S LOVE

STILL HOLDING ME

Vera Bentley

My soul was in a dark turmoil;
The storm had not its fury spent,
And against my defenseless life
The lightnings and the thunders bent.

I clung to Christ with all my strength
As the tempest raged on and on;
But I grew tired of the storm at length,
I thought the battle could not be won.

So I let go of that precious hand;
The storm bore me out to sea,
And there I found, though I'd let go,
That Christ was still holding me.

THE GROUND OF

EPH.2:20

ITIM.3:15

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"O Lord, uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe,"
Psa. 119:108, 116, 117.

NOTES
From My
LETTERS
By
J. H. WALKER
General Overseer

TELEPHONE CALL

In a telephone conversation Brother J. L. Summers, of Carmi, Illinois, gives us the following good news:

Revival in progress with eleven saved, three sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost the first week.

Have just closed a good revival at Rossville, Ga., with twelve saved, seven sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost. Church wonderfully revived. Some marvelous healings. Rev. Jeff Dale, pastor, with Florida Brown, evangelist.—Mrs. J. M. Trimble, E. Chattanooga, Tenn.

We arrived here yesterday. Things seem to be in excellent shape. We are in the parsonage already. And what a nice church they have built here! We were really surprised to find such a nice building. Brother Lowe and the church folk surely must have worked. The people seem to be very nice.

May God bless each one and may we win many.—Harry B. Lane, Overseer, Central Canada.

Just a bit of news. I have been here one week. There has been one reclaimed, three filled with the Holy Ghost, raised \$210, bought two lots on main highway entering Leachville. We plan to turn the church around facing the highway. Also raised \$15 on the aged ministers' fund, which is approximately 20c per member. We have a fine band of saints here. Please pray for us at Leachville.—A. R. Willingham, Leachville, Ark.

I am happy to report that our church in Memphis is progressing very, very well in every department and I believe that Memphis is going to have another good year, a year of spiritual and financial progression. We are looking for a great year and wonderful blessings from the great Eternal.

You remember at our state convention that the Memphis church raised over \$100 more than any other church in the state. This was made possible by one of our number, Sister Millie Farmer, who raised approximately \$134 of the \$254 turned in by this lo-

cal church. This money was our special orphanage offering for the Tennessee state convention.—C. J. Hindmon, Memphis, Tenn.

God is doing great things for us. He made it possible for the church to be painted inside, also He is meeting our needs through the mine superintendent and miners having the much-needed work done on our church. Through God's goodness we were able to build an altar, rostrum, etc., (which was not in the school building we used for a church). Then we are expecting to get pews and we already have a good start on them. We are painting the floor and using stained glass paper on our windows. God alone has made it possible for these things to be done. Most of all though, we need more of His power in our midst. Please pray that God will continue to move for us. We are anxious to get a work started in Morgantown.—K. Thurston, Morgantown, W. Va.

In Memory of

LETSINGER

Mrs. Nora Grace Letsinger, Knoxville, Tennessee, wife of the late Rev. M. W. Letsinger, Church of God minister and former Editor and Publisher of the Church of God Evangel, died September 7, 1943, age fifty-two years, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Truesdell, Harle Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee, following a stroke of paralysis. Sister Letsinger had been a member of the Church of God for more than thirty years and was faithful until death.

Survivors are her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Truesdell, Cleveland; sister, Mrs. P. T. Cobb, Knoxville; parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kirby, Solway, Tenn., and one grandchild. Funeral service was held at Weavers' Funeral Chapel in Knoxville, with Revs. S. W. Latimer and P. W. Chesser in charge. Revs. F. R. Harrawood, E. J. Boehmer, J. D. Free, Earl P. Paulk, Glover P. Ledford, and J. D. Wilson served as pallbearers. Interment in Providence Cemetery at Solway, Tenn., by Weavers.—Glover P. Ledford.

HORTON

Sister Rosanna Horton, a faithful member of the Church of God at Sheridan, Wyo., passed away September 22, 1943; age seventy-one years and four months.—Her sister, Julia Pruitt.

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Notices

Changes of Address of Ministers and Workers

J. M. Collier—Old: Sylacauga, Ala. New: Rt. 2, Georgiana, Ala.

Pvt. James A. Hicks—Co. C., 80th Armd. Med. Bn., 10th Armd. Div., A.P.O. 260, Camp Gordon, Ga.

G. W. Lane, overseer of New Jersey—1424 Munn Ave., Hillside, N. J.

Workers Needed

We are in need of three pastors, one evangelist and some musicians to work with an evangelistic party. Brother, sister, if God has called you, there is a place to work. We need you! The harvest is white but the laborers are few. How can you sit down on the job when you are needed and the coming of Christ is so near? If you are interested in working in Kansas or Nebraska, write, telegram or telephone me at once—phone 1594-J—or write 612 E. Edison St., Independence, Kans.—Rev. Wilma Henry, overseer of Kansas and Nebraska.

Please send me all old Christian literature—Evangel, Lighted Pathways, tracts, old Bibles or Testaments, and song books. Let them be put to work. I use them in my street services.—J. B. Weeks, 1015 N. Broad Street, Cairo, Ga.

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The Slavery of Sin

By Alvin H. Thompson

John 8:34, "Truly, truly I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave" —(Moffatt).

Rom. 7:24, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

We are living in an age when sin is very lightly esteemed. Modernists, annihilationists and other unorthodox sects have spread their pernicious doctrines, especially relative to the doctrine of hell, until the general trend of thought is to make sport of anyone who is such a fanatic as to believe in eternal punishment for sin. Another factor that has contributed to make sin about the same as a mistake or blunder is the poor estimate men have of God. In the decades that have passed in the twentieth century the teaching of God as a personal omnipresent, omniscient being has been seriously challenged and ridiculed. Higher criticism and the deadly evolution theory have so permeated our schools and churches until the doctrine of God is looked upon as a fairy tale that some "old fogies" used to believe in when they didn't have better sense. The ultimate consequence of such abominable teaching is that sin loses its horror and men and women become lax in morals and religion. Our United States is in a pitiable and wretched condition today because men have lost the awful significance of sin.

People hate to admit that they are in bondage to anything or anybody. The tobacco fiend usually will not admit that he is a slave to his habit. The miser tells you he is just a shrewd businessman instead of telling the truth of the matter that he is a slave to the god of money. The Jews to whom Jesus was speaking in John 8, declared very emphatically that they were Abraham's children and were never in bondage to any man. But Jesus stated in as positive language as they did that any man who commits sin is a slave or bond-servant of sin. In Romans 7 we get a picture of a man who has come to the realization that he is a slave of sin. He exclaims near the conclusion of his discussion, "Oh wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" It is a blessed thing that some people discover how terribly bound they are before they bid farewell to all opportunity of being set free.

We shall consider five factors in-

volved in the commission of sin. Our purpose shall be to reveal how men become slaves of sin and how they can be delivered. These factors are: (1) the flesh, (2) the world, (3) the devil, (4) the will, (5) the conscience.

First of all comes the FLESH. In Romans 7:5 we read that "the motions of sin . . . did work in OUR MEMBERS to bring fruit unto death." Verse 23 says, "But I see another law in my MEMBERS, warring against the law of my mind." Jesus told Peter, "The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak." Upon making a study of sin we find that from the time it entered the world until its termination as recorded in Revelation, the flesh is always the INSTRUMENT used. In every sin committed the flesh is involved. Men sin for the purpose of gratifying the flesh in some way or other! There is no ultimate end in sinning. Why do people fly into a rage and say mean things that hurt others? It gives them a degree of fleshly satisfaction. Why do men drink liquor? They feel good temporarily. People become money-mad because it gratifies their fleshly nature. I repeat, men sin because they receive fleshly gratification instead of just trying to make God angry! If it is at the expense of disobeying God that they must gratify self. God's commandment is set aside. That's the damnable part of sin. Self is loved and served more than God! When God created men He constructed them with a fleshly nature that had a legitimate sphere in which to operate. It was and always will be perfectly right for people to eat and drink good, wholesome foods, but it is absolutely wrong to be a glutton and drunkard. It is pleasing to God that a young man be attracted to a young lady and that he love her above all other women, finally culminating in matrimony. He instituted the ceremony and His word highly esteems it. But, it is awful in God's sight for men to marry and remarry at random as we so sadly behold today. The laws of decency between men and women have been audaciously encroached upon in our United States. We, as a nation, are setting up a terrible example of adultery and fornication that cannot but bring the just judgment of God. It is interesting to note that Adam and Eve obeyed the dictates of the flesh in preference to obeying God's command when their lives were untainted by the corruption of sin.

This fact reveals that there is not such a wide difference between our first parents and ourselves. We readily admit the Fall has made man much weaker in many ways than our first parents, but they still sin after the similitude of Adam's transgression. The flesh is weak and after practising an evil, man soon finds himself unable to get free. Look at the young lad who thought it was smart to smoke cigarettes; it isn't long until he cannot quit if he tries his utmost to do so.

The OBJECT of sin is the world. We read in 1 John 2:15, 16 that man is not to love the world. The world is defined as being the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. The flesh is gratified by what it gets from the world. I want to enumerate a number of things that can be worldly when people become enslaved to them. Some people are enslaved to the passion of jealousy. Everything must flow through that jealous channel. Jealousy is cruel as the grave. As we observe our newspapers the number of murders that spring from jealousy are many. Stubbornness, moodiness and innumerable other passions absolutely dominate the lives of many. Worldly possessions dictate the law to many. It is a fact that in a majority of cases worldly interests come before God. The god of money probably heads the list of things men are enslaved to. Although men will not admit that money rules their lives the evidence is against them. Thousands bow before the goddess of beauty. People actually sell their souls just to try to be pretty! One of the most destructive types of bondage is public opinion. It is tragic to behold the multitudes who are completely domineered by the opinion of others. We have seen many people turn their back on the pleading Savior just because they esteemed the favor of friends more than our blessed Jesus. Habits such as tobacco and liquor present an all-too-evident case of slavery. Look at that poor drunkard! He has been caught in a trap which he forgot to think of when he took the first drink. The fact lies before us that America has "sold out" to drink. Homes and families are disrupted, insane asylums and hospitals filled, hopes and ambitions blasted all because men became slaves to drink. The most pitiful part of these habits is the sight of our women who

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Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Mussolini Overdone

Some two decades ago, that man Mussolini was on everyone's lips; he was hailed as the superman, as anti-christ, etc. I must confess I unwillingly sympathized with such a point of view. Of later years I decided he was just a man, an ordinary kind of a sort of fellow. Now he is gone, so far as political things are concerned. He has not confidence in himself, nor have the Italian people confidence in him. He shamefully led his people toward destruction and folly. Doubtless he was anti-Christian, in point of view. He was not, however, antichrist. Radical kings in the end of the age will have an embodiment of many of the characteristics of antichrist; this is also true of dictators, who are forerunners of antichrist.

—O— "Old Rugged Cross"

According to *Newsweek*, the Gospel Singer has had a 200 per cent increase in requests for "Old Rugged Cross." Requests for other hymns have increased generally. "Old Rugged Cross" was selected by soldiers at Fort Bragg, N. C., camp as their favorite hymn. This selection reflects the serious view of these men at a time like this.

—O— Eisenhower Honored

Jewish Missionary Magazine reports that, "The name of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will be inscribed in the Sefer Ha'Zahav, the Jewish people's roll of honor in Jerusalem, as a salute to the commander of the Allied forces in North Africa, the Jewish National Fund announced. The Fund cabled its decision upon receipt of the news of Italy's unconditional surrender. The Sefer Ha'Zahav, on the pages of which the names of the world's outstanding scientists, statesmen, and military leaders of modern times have been inscribed in recognition of their achievements, is being preserved in Jerusalem."

—O— R. A. F. Prayers

The serious undertaking of the war is reflected in the following:

"Peril provokes prayer. An R.A.F. sergeant says: 'I know many of our fellows seem pagans and atheists; but they're not. In the dormitory the other night we got to talking about religion and prayer. One man sneered at the whole business; but another fel-

low—a man whom nobody would call religious and who is certainly not a churchgoer—challenged him with the question: 'Have you been on 'ops' yet?' ('Ops' means active service in the air against the enemy.) 'No, I haven't,' said the other. 'I thought not,' said the challenger. 'If you'd ever been on 'ops' I bet you'd have said your prayers.' And every man in the room who had been on 'ops' heartily supported him. Every one admitted that he had prayed to God when he flew out to a possible sudden death."

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Critical Opinions

There are those of our Christian brethren throughout the country who believe that the individual having once believed in Christ is safe, apparently regardless of what he does after he is once converted to Christ. This is called "eternal security." All Christians agree that those who are converted to Christ will be maintained by Christ in a state of "eternal security" who abide faithful unto Him. While on the other hand, there are those of the world who do not profess faith in Christ, who seem to believe that possibly God doesn't exist at all and that they are therefore safe from the consequences of sin, because there is no God to condemn them after they die. Regardless of however well meaning those who hold such views may seem to be, if they are not correct, and certainly the latter cannot be and I seriously question the former view, what tragic and serious calamities await those who hold them. We are safe if we abide faithful; let us each day practice it.

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Catholics Persecute Protestants in Peru

The editor of *Midnight Cry*, writing on the subject of "Protestants Persecuted in Peru," gives the following report of what Catholicism is doing.

"Eighty thousand Protestant Christians of the Republic of Peru have demanded that President Prado, a Catholic, guarantee 'the free exercise of religious worship,' and end the persecution of evangelical workers, which they charge is abetted by police collusion.

"Earlier in this year a pastoral letter of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Lima became 'in effect an open invitation to persecute the Protestants,'

sounding a call to 'the battle against Protestantism which,' it asserts, 'is a dissolver of citizenship.'

"The distribution of the Bible has been prohibited and active persecution of evangelicals is under way in many parts of the country, according to *The Protestant Voice* (June 18).

"The Protestants' protest memorial to President Prado reminds him that, in his visit to the United States, he was able to observe the absolute liberty enjoyed by Roman Catholics to exercise their ministry and carry forward their propaganda.

"The movement against Protestants in Peru is an example of the concerted effort to carry out the desire already expressed by the Roman Catholic Church to make South America its exclusive field."

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Jews in the Armed Forces

"While 165,000 Jews in Canada represent 1.4 per cent of the population, Jewish enlistments are 1.5 per cent of the total. Estimates considered a minimum, are: Jews in the Army, 4,677; Air Force, 4,009; Navy, 206; Draftees, 1,250; altogether about 6½ percent of the total Jewish population of men, women and children." Additional figures in the editorial go to prove that "there is no reason to single out the Jews as failing to hold up their end," and this, notwithstanding admitted "discrimination" against the Jewish people.—*Globe & Mail*.

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Religion in Russia

The following editorial appeared in *Time*, October 4.

"If Karl Marx was right in calling religion the opium of the people, the air over Moscow must have been blue with fumes last week:

"Dr. Cyril Forster Garbett, Archbishop of York, who is on a visit to Patriarch Sergei of the Russian Orthodox Church, declared that there is complete freedom of worship in Russia, that the Soviet Government has stopped all antireligious propaganda. Said the Archbishop: 'Stalin being a great statesman, has recognized the power of religion.'

"To listeners in Germany the Moscow radio beamed speeches by German clergymen, Catholic and Protestant. Many of the speakers were said to be captured German army chaplains. They praised Moscow's National Committee for a Free Germany (*Time*, August 30), told how the Russians allow them to practice their religion in the prison camps, urged listeners in Germany to pray for peace, work against the Nazis.

"A German clergymen, whom the

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The Customs of the House of Israel

Text, Ezekiel 43:11.

In our text God is speaking to His prophet Ezekiel, commanding him to show to the house of Israel their sins and iniquities, and if they are ashamed of all they have done show them the form of the house, and the fashions thereof, and the laws thereof, and the ordinances thereof, and do them.

Israel was backsliding and failing to keep the laws of God; so while God was showing Ezekiel this vision of the future temple, He asked His prophet to show it also to the house of Israel. But we notice further that God said to Ezekiel, "Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the Lord." What God asked Ezekiel to do for the house of Israel He is asking His ministers to do today for the Church of God.

First, He was lining his man up. "See and hear, and mark well, Ezekiel." If every minister would hear what the Word of the Lord is, and get a vision of what the Church of God really is, and then mark it well himself, we would have more members living up to the standard today. Hear the Lord call upon Isaiah to "Cry aloud and spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression." I fear the spirit of compromise has fastened upon too many of us and we are failing to cry against the little no-harm sins and worldliness until the Holy Ghost is grieved, and God is withholding His blessings from us.

God said to Ezekiel, "I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel, therefore hear the word of my mouth and give them warning from me." It cost the lives of some of these prophets to cry against sin, yet they continued to cry aloud and spare not for had not God said, "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die, and thou givest him not warning, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity but his blood will I require at thine hand."

The pastor is the watchman of the flock, and if he sees the world and its fashions creeping into the Church of God it is his duty to cry aloud against it even though he may have to do so at the cost of popularity, or praise from his members, or the handshakes of cold professors, for there is coming a time when we shall all appear before

By R. H. BELL

the judgment seat of Christ. But if we warn the people of these sins and they fail to take heed or turn not from their worldliness, we have delivered our souls.

SHEW THEM THE FASHIONS THEREOF. Now the apostle Peter has said to gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance. Today we have some people who have conceived the idea that God did not know how to decorate human beings, so they have set up remodeling shops under the name "Beauty Parlor" for the purpose of readorning God's creatures. For instance, they would have you believe that God failed to get the fingernails the right color, and that they should be a bright red, so they have prepared a paint to fix them just right. I have gone into restaurants where the waitresses' finger ends were so red they looked like they were bleeding, or had been run through a sausage grinder and come out hamburger. They would have you to believe God made a mistake and put too many eyebrows above the eyes and all you should have is just enough to look like a little pencil mark, so they would be glad to pull them out for you. So with fingernails painted red and eyebrows plucked, there is nothing left to do to complete the job but to daub some red on the face and lips and there you are—a painted sepulchre.

In the ministry of Jesus He found whitened sepulchres, but today they are red. Red is a very popular color now. It is displayed in most every nation, and is the color of the old dragon. He is making good headway in stamping his color upon the world, and many Christians are getting so close to his brush they are getting spattered with it. We have some Church of God members who visit these remodeling shops and spend from two to ten dollars for make-ups and hair kinks and then come to church and when the offering plates are passed around they draw their heads down in their coat collars like a mud turtle in a hail-storm. Listen, dear friends, I do not believe God's Word will bear us up in these things. God said He would beautify the meek with salvation, and when I see make-up on the children

of God I quickly arrive at the conclusion that pride has taken the place of meekness, and it is time God's ministers are crying against such things if we want the blessings of God upon us and be ready when Jesus comes.

SHEW THEM ALL THE ORDINANCES THEREOF

An ordinance is an established rule, or law. In the book of Numbers we find that God spoke to Aaron and said, "Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land; neither shalt thou have any part among them: behold I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance for their service of the tabernacle of the congregation." The duty of the Levites was to assist the priests in transcribing and interpreting the law and chronicling the times in which they lived. Of course, some provision had to be made for their support while they were engaged in this kind of work, so God called upon those who had land and cattle to give a tenth that they might live as well as land-owners. Now what the Levites were to the Israelites, ministers are to the people today, for we hear Paul say in 1 Cor. 9: 13, 14, "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel?" Paul said to Timothy, "Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil." The Lord told John on the Isle of Patmos that He hated the deeds of the Nicolaitanes. I wonder what He thinks of the dime-coveters of today in His Church. I have just about as much confidence that a cigarette smoker or a bob-haired woman will go in the rapture as I have that a person will go who once paid tithes or saw the light on it and now has backslidden from it.

In Nehemiah's time they had backslidden from the law and ordinances of God, for Nehemiah said, "I perceived the portion of the Levites had not been given them, for the singers and Levites that did the work had every one fled to his field. Then contended I with rulers and said, Why is the house of God forsaken?" It was forsaken for the same reason that so many ministers have returned to coal mines, factories and farms today and labor for their bread, people have backslidden from paying tithes. There

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Filling God's House With Meat

Mal. 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of host, if I will not open up the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

I can feel the joy of salvation blooming in my soul this morning while thinking about the many testimonies I have listened to in the past few weeks; people saying, "I want to be closer drawn to the Lord," and, "I'm hungering to get closer to God." My continual prayer for some time has been for people to get stirred up and pray to the extent they will be more on fire for God. God's people in general are becoming more or less too formal and just taking things for granted, but we need to seek the Lord always. Even though we have the Holy Ghost, we should seek Him continually to know His will, and when we know His will then walk in it.

Some people are grumbling about the church being in a cold stage. Well, when individuals walk in the light you'll see the church in full bloom and souls will be praying through and Christians will have the victory instead of the blues.

The Lord has dealt with me for some time along the lines of just what I am about to write, bless His name. I fully trust that we will all be interested enough in the Word of God to draw closer to the Word. Well, then, we all want to go to heaven, so let's live as saints should live and love the Lord well enough to *want* to walk in the light and not have to be driven to it. Let's live a more successful Christian life by doing just as Mal. 3:10 has given us. Christians, by God's grace and help we can walk in His ordinances and He will bless us and we can be worth something to this lost world.

People are serving the same God today that we served when we were first converted, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Do you remember when you had so much zeal and "Go ye" in your soul until you would go to service if you had to go in an ox cart or to walk? God's power is just the same today. That same victory is in store for people even yet, but the sad part of it is that so many have decided that is isn't necessary to be as careful in serving God as they once did, and, little by little, joy has leaked out like water leaking out of

BESSIE PUCKETT

a bucket. Yes, and then people will wonder why they are not as happy as they used to be. Many times we find the root of the trouble right where the trouble was found in Mal 3:8: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings."

Yes, people are robbing God of tithes and offerings. But in doing so, they are robbing themselves of great blessings. In other words, they are robbing themselves, robbing God's house of being filled with meat, robbing others of having the gospel preached to them, and no doubt in the end souls will be lost that could have been saved if God's people had walked in this great light of the Word. Souls are being robbed today on account of people holding their tithes and offerings. Souls in the nooks and corners of this world need to be saved. God has saved us. Somebody preached the Word to us. How much do we appreciate it? Do we really love Him and appreciate the great sanctifying power that blesses our souls so much, the baptism of the Holy Ghost? Do we appreciate His wonderful leadings? If so, then let's follow them. I'm sure He will lead us through Mal. 3:10. Glory to God, it's a blessing and a privilege to pay tithes and give offerings.

I have heard people say, "I don't make much money and I have a family to take care of, and I just can't afford to pay tithes." Well, I can't see how you can afford not to pay them according to God's Word. Yes, and there are many other ways people are robbing God too, such as failing to use the talents He has given them, keeping their testimonies under a bushel, failing to do personal work; in other words, just failing to follow the leadings of our blessed Savior, while at the same time it is only robbing themselves of so many wonderful blessings, and robbing themselves of that sweet, mellow spirit that they could have in their soul. Praise the Lord for that sweet fellowship we can have with Him! As long as we keep His ordinances, we keep fellowship with Him, but when His ordinances are broken then fellowship is broken to an extent that we couldn't possibly feel as sweet in our soul as when they were kept.

If all professing Christians would walk in all the light God gives them, wouldn't this be a wonderful world in which to live! Praise God, there would be shouting in the homes, on the jobs, on the highways, in the house of God. My, my, signs would follow believers more than ever before; souls would be saved, ah, thousands more of them each year. There wouldn't be any time for grumbling and pouting but every one would be so filled with joy, the devil wouldn't have a chance. Let's try to see just a little sketch of what we miss if we fail to follow on to know the Lord. 1 John 1:7. "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." If we walk in the light we have today, He will give us more light tomorrow. But if we fail to make use of that He has already given us, then we couldn't expect to get more light until we *did* walk.

There is no time to lose, Brother, Sister, Jesus is soon coming, and what are we doing about it? Millions are lost. Let's do all we can to get them into the fold before the storm comes. I would hate to know souls went into eternity, lost, on account of my failing to come to God's financial plan.

1 Cor. 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." This scripture said, "Every one of you," so it doesn't leave any of us out. Friend, we must come to God's Word. We really should love His cause so much that we would do these things without the pastor continually having to call our attention to it. Some just will not do these things and when the preacher makes mention of them in the pulpit they say, "He meant it for me." Well, you are the one that needed it. If we measure to the Word then the Word will not hurt us, but will feed our souls instead. Glory to God!

Oh, but if we will give from the sincere desire of our hearts, we always receive such sweet blessing. Then, too, when we have kept His sayings we can lean on Him and never be afraid. God sacrificed His only begotten Son for us. Jesus gave His own blood, and what are we giving for Him? He gave His blood and it has been applied to our hearts and surely, why certainly, we appreciate it enough that we will make use of Mal. 3:10, make use of our talents and reach out into

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The Church of God Orphanage

REV. F. R. HARRAWOOD, Superintendent

HARVEST

This is a very busy time at the Boys' Farm. Last week they finished making 420 gallons of the very finest of sorghum syrup. They will finish filling the silo this week, which will give us about 140 tons of ensilage for our dairy herd. Also tons of hay are being put into the feed barn this week.



OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

A nice service flag has been ordered for the Boys' Farm. Twenty-two stars will be placed on this flag for our boys who are in service. One of our boys has been reported missing in action for several weeks. Let us all pray that he is still living somewhere and that he will return to us safely.

MERRY CHRISTMAS??

How about your Sunday School class or Y.P.E.? Have you asked for the name and age of some of our boys and girls in order to give them a merry Christmas? Several names have gone out, but there are several more yet. I am sure you would not want one of our boys or girls to fail to get a package with his or her own name on it, so hurry and write us how many you want to buy for this Christmas. Be sure and mail your packages early. They will not be opened until Christmas. Last year numbers of packages did not arrive until after Christmas.

GIRLS' HOME

Three of our larger girls were released from the Home the past month. They were Juanita Maddix, Onell Dutton, Jackie Brown. The committee selected four from the large waiting list of applicants and they have already arrived. Their ages range from four to seven.

WATER

God has been good to us the past week and it is beginning to look like the water problem at the Boys' Farm is going to be solved. A neighbor gave us the water rights to a large spring on his farm that has a flow of 110 gallons a minute. The spring has been tested by the Government and approved for drinking. The Superintendent met Mr. T. M. Ragsdale, chief engineer of the Layne-Central Co., of Memphis, Tennessee, last week to find

out about the possibility of pumping the water to the farm and the company gave us a pump large enough to pump the water. (This gift saved us several hundred dollars.) He also advised us where he thought we could get the pipe. The business men of Cleveland are helping us with this and we are hoping that the pipe will also be donated.

AN URGENT REQUEST

Brother Eller, manager of the Boys' Farm, informs me that the Boys' Home is almost filled to its capacity and there isn't any more room at the Girls' Home. Pray that God will help us in this hour of emergency to make the necessary expansions.

ORPHANAGE PLATES

We have received some nice letters from the state overseers heartily endorsing our plan of distribution of the plates this year. Be sure and place your orders soon. A business man called at the office this morning and gave us \$50 for one orphanage plate. I am sure that every church can dispose of numbers of these plates.

WANTED

Two middle-aged ladies to work as matrons at the Boys' Farm, one as an assistant cook and one to assist in the care of the smaller boys. Also one middle-aged lady who has had experience in laundry work, to oversee the laundry at the Girls' Home. If interested, please write for application blanks.

APPLES FROM VIRGINIA

Just received a long distance call from Brother W. E. Johnson, overseer of Virginia, asking us to send a truck for a load of apples, as a special donation from the State of Virginia for the Home. Thank you, Virginia.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

Help us in our coupon drive for the close of 1943. We will receive a bonus of 25c for each 1,000 coupons above the regular redemption price, if we receive 104,000, and 50c extra for all received in excess of this specified quota. Please help us to make this the best coupon drive in the history of our Orphanage. We are depending on you. All coupons should be mailed to us not later than December 26.

LOOK!

We are giving the names of churches and their respective state that gave the largest orphanage offering this month. There are twenty-six new names on this list. Will the name of your church be there next month?

CHURCHES HAVING LARGEST ORPHANAGE OFFERINGS THIS MONTH

Arizona	S. Phoenix	Mississippi	Stonefield
Arkansas	Marked Tree	Missouri	Pittsburg
Alabama	Sumiton	Montana	Bozeman
California	Covina	Nebraska	Omaha
Colorado	Colorado Springs	New Jersey	Penns Grove
Delaware	Milford	New Mexico	Clayton
D. C.	Washington	North Carolina	Kannapolis
Florida	Lake Wales	North Dakota	Ree
Georgia	Atlanta, Hemphill Ave.	Ohio	Canton
Idaho	Wallace	Oklahoma	Shawnee
Illinois	Chicago	Oregon	St. John
Indiana	Jasonville	Pennsylvania	Reading
Iowa	Oskaloosa	South Carolina	Greenville No. 1
Kansas	Pittsburg	South Dakota	Mobridge
Kentucky	Middlesboro	Tennessee	Lenoir City
Louisiana	New Orleans	Texas	Electra
Maine	S. Orlando	Utah	Moab
Maryland	Baltimore	Virginia	Danville
Massachusetts	Worcester	Washington	Seattle
Michigan	Berkley	W. Virginia	Mallory
Minnesota	Pelican Inn	Wyoming	Sheridan

MISSIONS AND ORPHANAGE RECEIPTS BY STATES (3D QUARTER)

	Missions	Orphanage	
Alabama	\$6,544.05	\$ 979.36	California 1,406.37 1,448.86
Arizona	233.46	84.45	Colorado 65.33 22.23
Arkansas	991.47	410.29	Connecticut 2.50

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Kingdoms and the King

Text: "Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given," Matt. 13:11.

INTRODUCTION: This subject deals with God's plan and purpose of leading His people to an undivided kingdom of love and righteousness under the governing order of Christ, the kingdom to come, yet it is no longer a mystery to God's people; we look forward to the coming kingdom and King of glory. Kingdoms were established and have gone down under the leadership of men, but that everlasting kingdom that our Lord will establish in the earth shall never be demolished.

A KINGDOM

A kingdom is a territory or domain in which a king exercises authority. God's kingdom is ruled under theocratic government displayed through men of holy anointing and inspiration of the Godhead family. The world kingdoms change from one form of government to another as new rulers are enthroned; the kingdom of God has never changed its sovereignty.

BEFORE A KINGDOM

God in dealing with men before the establishment of a kingdom dealt directly and indirectly through holy men as Abel, Seth, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses and Joshua, who submitted themselves to God without an earthly form of government. Those holy men of God were so consecrated that their consciences were alert to the will of God. "They spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Without an earthly kingdom, yet in holy submission to heavenly authority, they were able to die in the faith, not having received the promise.

THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

The establishing of the first kingdom was set up after the people had rejected the sons of Samuel as their judge. They desired a king to reign over them. 1 Sam. 1:1-5. God warned the people of the hardships and burden that an earthly kingdom would bring upon them, yet they contended for a king. Because of the hardness of their hearts, God granted their request, doubtless to prove that an earthly kingdom was not what He

By Clyde C. Cox

wanted nor what they should have. Saul, the man that stood head higher than all, was elected and anointed the first king of Israel. It isn't the man that stands head high that the people need, it is the man that is head over all things we have need of. When man begins to stand above all other men in his greatness God soon takes charge and man sits down. However, Saul was a great and humble man when first called to the leadership of God's new kingdom. He was soon exalted and came to a bitter end. David was the next king to reign over the people of God. His leadership did not prove successful. Wars and many battles were fought. Continually waging ungodly conflicts caused confusion in the kingdom. David did his best, a great king, but he died without bringing the people into an undivided kingdom of love and fellowship as the people expected in an earthly kingdom. Later Solomon was anointed king. He readily won the friendship of the world in his day. The people of God rallied to his leadership. His wisdom was famed throughout the world. Yet, his kingdom of wisdom in earthly things made a shipwreck and went down in despair as a fallen kingdom of earthly wisdom.

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

After Solomon had worked so bravely and used wisdom of great price, the kingdom was divided into two groups; namely, ten tribes given to Jeroboam and two tribes of Rehoboam. The ten tribes rebelled against the house of David, and there were none that followed the house of David but the tribe of Judah. 1 Kings 12:19-20. The same people that so urgently demanded a king now rejected what they desired. A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. The ten tribes continued for about two hundred years and faded out of the picture. Judah continued for about four hundred years and was lost in much confusion and captivity. However, they were warned to reunite by the prophet, representing the unity of working together by using twelve sticks to prove the power of being one. Even the Father and the Son are one, and you and I may be ONE in THEM. United we stand, divided we fall.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The kingdom of Israel being lost, only God is able to find them. During the tribulation they will be found and twelve thousand out of each tribe will be redeemed of God. It being the pleasure of God now to bring the kingdom from the fallen, shameful condition and establish it within the hearts of His people, a kingdom of joy and peace in the Holy Ghost through the blood of His Son, no longer did He write upon stones graven by man's fingers, but upon the very heart of the seeker, a kingdom that was not of this world, but a spiritual kingdom, a kingdom in men and not men in the kingdom. "The law and the prophets were until John; since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Luke 16:16. This kingdom came not with observation but is an inward development through the Spirit under the unchangeable priesthood of Christ. The kingdom doesn't seek us but we are to seek the kingdom and that first above all things. We must be born again to enter or even see the kingdom of God. Christ received the anointing from the hands of the Father and the Holy Ghost to be King He the King but the Prince also. Since He is the King and Prince too, no one can dethrone Him and He shall never abdicate, it is sealed by His precious blood. Men may be divided in their views on the scripture and some will fall, but the kingdom isn't divided and never shall fall.

KINGDOM OF CHRIST

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36, 37. In teaching the disciples to pray He said, "Thy kingdom to come," and in 2 Tim. 4:1, "At his appearing and his kingdom." At the same time He informed them that a kingdom was in their midst, the kingdom men were already pressing into. Yet He was to go away and seek for Himself a kingdom and return with it. The spiritual kingdom will be emigrated into the literal kingdom of Christ on earth to reign one thousand years. Christ Himself will be the King of the kingdom and shall sit upon the throne of David to order and establish His government in the earth. Isa. 9:7. Kingdom against kingdom will be the scene of the battle field when Christ makes His appearance

with His kingdom. The kingdom of the antichrist of the earth will arise and cross the river Euphrates to battle the coming kingdom of Christ. The battle will soon be over and Christ will be King of kings over the entire earth. While on earth the disciples were asking, Will you at this time restore unto us the kingdom of David? Now the kingdom is restored and we shall reign with Him as kings and priests. Christ shall reign until, "He shall have put down all authority, all rule and all power. Then He shall deliver up the kingdom to God even the Father." 1 Cor. 15:24. At the beginning of His reign the devil will be bound for a thousand years. Rev. 20:2. Then a king shall reign in righteousness. Isa. 32:1. "The kingdoms of the world will

become the kingdom of Christ." Rev. 11:14, 15.

THE REIGN

"We will reign as kings and priests with him." Rev. 20:6. The people of God will die no more. "They lived and reigned with him a thousand years." Rev. 20:4. We will rule with Christ with a rod of iron. Rev. 2:26. We will be rulers over the land, "some over five cities and some over ten." Luke 19:17-19. "In that day, upon the bells of the horses it shall be HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD." Zech. 14:20. Upon which horses? Upon these, "The armies which were in heaven followed him upon WHITE HORSES," Rev. 19:14; yes, heavenly horses filled with the spirit of His HOLINESS. "Without

HOLINESS no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14. "But unto them that look (or live holy) for him will he appear." Heb. 9:28.

CONCLUSION: We have briefly studied this lesson, however we will know more about it when the battle is over and we have received our new life and bodies. We are now confronted with the millennium, the time of great happiness, the undivided kingdom of righteousness and Christ in His power to reign. Thanks to God for victory in Christ; no more wars to fear, no more battles to fight, no more turmoils to stew the hearts of men, no burdens to bear, no sin to shun, no critics to make fun. All will be glory hallelujah to our matchless King.

Call to Repentance

I am glad for salvation, for the Holy Ghost, the great Comforter. Thank God for His Word and for all of His children. I am in this C. P. S. camp many miles from home, and praise God I know my Redeemer liveth. I'm glad because God giveth us the victory through Christ Jesus our Lord. I find joy, peace, happiness, and victory in serving the Lord. God will help us to stand every trial of life if we will obey Him. I have heard the message given by the Holy Ghost and interpreted. Part of the message was, "The people of God will be tried; mothers' hearts will be crushed."

We read in Dan. 12:10, "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." If we will wholly follow the commandments of Jesus and ask for wisdom He will help us to understand and stand every trial. All things work together for good to those who love the Lord. Hallelujah! I'm hoping for the time that I will be out of this camp and be on the fields that are so white to harvest. I'm hoping, if the war ceases and Jesus tarries, to carry the glad tidings of Jesus to the people who don't know about Him. Praise God, I feel the "go ye" in my being now. I feel like traveling on to perfection. If we will be humble and live in the shadow of the cross, we will be greatly blessed. If any unsaved person reads this, please stop and listen to Jesus knocking at your heart, giving you a chance to get saved. How shall you escape if you neglect so great salvation? Don't turn

him away. When you go to church and hear the gospel of truth and God puts Holy Ghost conviction on your heart and bids you come, please come. There is danger in neglect. Gen. 6:3, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." 2 Sam. 18:33, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom, would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Open your heart and let Jesus come in and sup with you and you with Him. Why be lost? Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. I believe we will face something in the future that is going to take pure religion that is undefiled before God to stand. If you fall it will be sad and awful. You don't have to fall if you haven't committed the unpardonable sin, the sin against the Holy Ghost which will not be forgiven in this world neither in the world to come. Matt. 12:31, 32. Don't delay to come; come quickly. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. If you will fall on the Rock Christ, your life of sin will be broken and He will make you a vessel of honor and help you to bring forth fruit of holiness unto life everlasting. But if the Rock falls on you it will grind you to powder. Fall on the Rock and find a hiding place of rest in time of trouble and tribulation. Why be lost? Christ shed His blood on the cross for your salvation and sanctification and went up to heaven so we could have the Holy Ghost. Will you accept Him now as your Savior and let's go to heaven together? Kneel where you are as you read this and let Jesus give you the new birth, the spiritual birth

of the soul, and set you on the only sure foundation—Christ. Seek His face continually and obey Him and He will sanctify you and give you the great Holy Ghost.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, the things God hath prepared for them that love him." Don't grieve Jesus by turning Him away when He calls you. Let Him live with you always. He said in St. John 14:15, I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing." If you won't abide in Christ you will be cast forth as a branch and be burned. Christ is willing and able to save you when you will accept Him. Turn away from sin and come to God. May God bless you and help you. I want lost people to get right with God. In Jesus' name, may God give you victory over sin. I am glad for this good blood-bought salvation and for the Holy Ghost and for the great healing power of God and I am looking for the glorious appearing of our Lord to earth again without sin unto salvation. Pray for me to be true to God until the end of life. With much love to all. — Kaiser Craney, Buck Creek C.P.S., Camp 16, Marion, N. C.

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B. T. S. Students' Testimonies



I praise God for the privilege that I have to be in Bible School. I consider this the greatest opportunity a young person can have. Words cannot express the blessing this school has been to me since I first came here two years ago. I am here preparing myself for the work God has for me to do. I realize that many are without God and I want to be instrumental in the hands of God in bringing lost souls to Christ.—Robert Humbertson, Barton, Maryland.

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I am a student at Bible School for my first term and I consider it a God-given privilege. We are having wonderful services; there are souls praying through to victory and it makes my heart glad. I appreciate all my teachers. It is wonderful to go to classes every day and have prayer as we do. I want to be as great a blessing to others when I leave this school as everybody has been to me since being here.—Mrs. Floye Hamilton, LaFayette, Georgia.

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B.T.S. has been a great blessing to me this year and I hope to spend many more happy years here.—Nellie Denny, Roanoke, Va.

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As a second year student, I certainly love B.T.S. and expect to finish school here if possible.—Marie Curtis, Ypsilanti, Mich.

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My desire to attend B.T.S. for several years has at last been realized. There are so many good things about the school that I would like to mention so that just as many people as possible may know what a fine school B.T.S. is. The deeply spiritual teachers and skillful instructors are one of the most valuable assets of the school. The chapel services are always spiritual and the mid-week prayer meetings and week-end services are evangelistic. In one service alone eleven were saved and nine received the Holy Ghost.—John T. Duckett, Lancaster, S. C.

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As I sit in my room this evening

meditating on God, I thank and praise Him for the grand privilege of being in B.T.S. It had always been the desire of my heart to come to Bible School, but not until last year was I privileged to attend. I thank God for the teachers. Never does a problem get too hard that they are not willing to help you solve it, or a trial too dark that they are not willing to help you pray until the burden is rolled away. I am glad that Christian young people today have this great institution where they can be trained to be better workers for God, their country and their fellowmen. Again, let me say that I praise God for the Church of God Bible Training School and College.—James Hodges, Doddsdale, Miss.

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The Lord has bestowed showers of blessings upon B.T.S. I praise God for permitting me to be in such an inspiring atmosphere. — Eloise Howard, Burkburnett, Texas.

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As I sit here looking out of my window to the hill back of the girls' dormitory, I think of the many times I sat at home dreaming of this wonderful opportunity and privilege that is now actually mine! It just makes me so happy to know that I am here at Bible School. I don't deserve it, but the Lord loved me well enough to let me attend. I can never thank Him enough for His blessings!

Three years ago, one of my girl friends came home for Christmas and told us about Bible School. It nearly thrilled me to death—I wanted to go so bad! But there didn't seem any way for me to go, so I decided to go on to school at home. Last September I got ready to be a freshman in high school. At our home town all girls are required to take two years of physical education. You learn to dance and do other worldly things that I don't think a Christian should do. I thought at first that I would just go ahead and take it, but every time I would go in that gymnasium and those girls were dancing, I would feel awful. I finally came to the crossroads. I either had

to give up my high school education for the time being, or the Lord. I prayed earnestly because I really love school and hated to give it up, but after all I loved the Lord better. One night I got willing. I said, "Well, Lord, I believe you want us to get an education as long as it doesn't interfere with our souls, but I don't believe this is right, so I resolve right now to quit tomorrow." You can't imagine the joy that flooded my soul! The next day I went through my studies rather sad, and yet there was a peace in my soul that the world could not disturb. When school closed that evening, I got all of my books together, breathed a prayer that God would guide my words, and walked into the principal's office. I asked him if there was any possible chance of getting out of taking physical education. He said there was not. I laid my books on his desk and said, "I can't take that, so here are my books." He pushed them back to me and said, "Thelma, do you realize what you are doing? Education is important. You had better think more seriously about this." I told him that I had prayed about it and did not believe it was right for me to take it. I said, "God will fix it some way."

A few days after that, I thought of attending Bible School, but that would be too wonderful to be true. Then I happened to think of the passage, "With God all things are possible." My faith became increased. From then on I said I was going to attend the Bible School next term. I didn't have the first penny, but I prayed that if it was God's will for me to attend that He would provide the way. People would hear me say I was going and they would say, "Thelma is going to be so discouraged when school starts and she isn't there." But praise the Lord, I was here one day before it started!

For five weeks before school started I sold snowballs (crushed ice with syrup). Sometimes I would get tired or the sun would be too hot, but when I would think of what I was going to

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Foreign Missions

This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

WORKING WITHOUT ADEQUATE MEANS

Brother Camp, our overseer, is working hard in the Bahamas. Not many weeks ago he closed a great series of meetings at Free Town, New Providence. Right now he is engaged in a large campaign on a street named Hospital Lane where no Church of God has ever been. He has rented a very large building. Souls are being blessed. Brother Camp has created great interest in the work since he has been here and everywhere he opens meetings Pentecostal power has been felt again.—Prof. R. G. Hall, Public School teacher of Gambier, N. P., Bah., B.W.I.

MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD

From the "Evangelical Christian"

Africa

"UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE"

On a recent visit to our station at Kano and in a tour which I had with our Field Director among the stations surrounding Kano and in Sokoto Province, I was impressed with a work recently started in Kano, which demands both our interest and our prayers, as well as our support. It might well be called "Waif Rescue Work."

The city of Kano is a rendezvous of hundreds of little, destitute waifs, whose origin is polygamist homes. When a polygamist takes to himself another superfluous wife, who is already the mother of a little boy, the little fellow finds no welcome at his mother's new home. He becomes a "not wanted" and is cast adrift to make a living as best (or as worst) he may in the midst of "that great and wicked city." He generally falls into the hands of professional thieves, who teach him the art of stealing, at which vice he soon becomes so proficient that he actually tries his hand at stealing from his teachers. Just such little "not wanted" children our missionaries are busy gathering up. They are taken to the mission compound, washed, dressed, and fed. At first they are quite suspicious, imagining the whole thing to be some kind of trap, but the love and kindness of the Lord Jesus,

through His servants, usually wins them and after a few weeks these little fellows between the ages of seven and thirteen will probably be sent to some station at a fair distance from Kano in order to get them away from former associations.

We went to Malumfashi, where our two sisters, Misses Whitmore and Jantz, are doing excellent work for the Master and there I came upon some such waifs. A meeting was called for the evening and a goodly number assembled in the church building. After the preaching of the old story of Jesus, the invitation having been given, quite a number came out publicly for Christ and among them four of the waifs. After having been dealt with, one of these boys exclaimed, "Is it possible that anyone should refuse to follow Jesus!" Do pray earnestly that these little ones will go forward in the faith and become not only genuine followers but messengers also of the Lord Jesus to effectually carry His gospel to many of their own kindred and color.

The work of the Lord at the stations around Kano and Sokoto goes on apace. We visited three leper settlements also and it was cheering indeed to listen to the little leper children at the Sokoto Settlement singing the praises of the Savior and reciting verses from His precious Word, the Hausa Bible.

The large, untouched areas which lie between the thirteen stations and leper settlements of our mission, in this Northern District, are surely a challenge. These are no vacant lands, they are just filled with many, many large villages and towns which, in turn, are swarming with poor, lost souls to whom no tidings of Him have come. We could hope to divide this great multitude in such a way as to give each station a field of from one hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand souls, which surely would be a big parish for each. Do pray earnestly that the Lord of the harvest will send forth *quickly* laborers into His harvest.—Dr. A. P. Stirrett.

CHURCH UNDER PERSECUTION

From the "Evangelical Christian"

Dr. R. E. Diffendorfer, Executive Secretary for Foreign Missions of the

Methodist Church, gives a few significant facts about Christians in occupied countries. "Take Denmark. In October, 1941, after nineteen months of occupation, Christians in that country gave for missionary purposes 43,000 kroners more than in the preceding year! Sweden is not an occupied country, but a Swedish letters says: 'All the younger ministers are in military service. The cost of living is mounting rapidly, as you can imagine. We have been trying to help our brethren in Finland, Norway, and Denmark, and we are still doing all we can. Our reports for the year are made up, and World Service giving this year is 4,000 Swedish kroners more than a year ago.' The writer adds that three candidates are preparing for missionary work in Russia.

Perhaps most surprising of all is a report from Germany. From a letter posted in Switzerland on January 16, 1942, these words: "Our Missionary Day Conference was held in December and all societies were represented. Missionary interest is as great as ever, and the giving is going up. More was received in 1941 than in 1940 or in 1939. Missionary information is being passed orally through 'information meetings.'"

A most heroic word comes out of Belgium. "I am glad to inform you that our church is doing great work just now among sorrows and miseries of all kinds. We have conversions, new members, good Sunday Schools, devoted missionary societies, and a remarkable liberality."

A Wonderful Revival

TOTZ, Ky.—We are glad to report a wonderful revival here the last three weeks of last Assembly year. Brother H. N. Shell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, conducted the service. I believe this to be the best revival in the history of the church at Totz. Twenty or twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in water and thirteen added to the church. Brother Shell is a man of God. I also want to sound a note of praise for Brother W. J. Milligan, our state overseer, and for Brother A. R. Pedigo, our district pastor; they are both good leaders and we are thankful to have them back another year.—Howard Robbins, former pastor.

TESTIMONIES

He Is So Good to Me

I praise my blessed Lord just now for what He has done for me. He saved my soul about fourteen years ago, sanctified me by His blood and baptized me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Praise His wonderful name! He is so good to me. He has healed every one in our family.

Just now I am weak and in a rundown condition. I am bothered with my back nearly all the time and the cancers are still on my face. Sometimes they almost go away but they are not gone yet, although I am still trusting God that some day He will completely heal me of the cancers and other ailments. Please pray for me that the Lord will touch my body and completely heal me. I am fully trusting Him for my healing. Also pray for the healing of my husband. His nose takes spells bleeding severely at times. Also pray a special prayer for my mother who has something badly wrong with her ears. Remember my father-in-law; he has high blood pressure. Please pray that the Lord will heal his body and save his soul. Pray earnestly, please, for each request. Pray that I will be an overcomer and be ready to go when the Lord comes or calls for me.—Mrs. Ora Lee Dyer, Rt. 3, Double Springs, Ala.

Happy in Jesus

Dear brothers and sisters, today finds me happy in Jesus. I am so glad that I am saved and have full salvation. It has been a long time since I have been in a church, but, praise the Lord, He keeps me saved and happy on the way. There are times when I feel discouraged, but when I think of my Savior on the cross and how He died for us all that we might be free from sin, I am made happy. Praise God for what I feel in my soul and for the power of God that helps me to overcome sin day by day. This is no time to stop; today is the time to look up and work for the Lord for we are living in the Saturday evening of time.

Since I have been in the Navy I have done all that I could for the Lord and He is blessing me for it. We have many good boys on this ship, and a grand chaplain. It is not like being at home, but, praise God, we are doing our part for the land that we love and are working for God. I know that God is with us and will give us victory, for He said in His Word that where one or two would come together and

pray that He would come on the scene and answer our prayers. Look up and pray for us and some day we can work together again. You don't know what a hard time is till you have been through the sad days and nights that we have been through, but God helps us all.

I thank you for the encouraging letters I received from you and from my praying wife. You don't know how much good a letter from home and from the church means to me. Pray for me and all the boys in service.—Lee W. Hathcock.

Thankful for His Loving Kindness

ADAIRSVILLE, Ga.—Praise God for His loving kindness and tender mercy. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. Praise God for the privilege of attending the home-coming at Erwin Hill Church of God. We were made to sit in heavenly places. Brother J. R. Davis, of Calhoun, Ga., brought a wonderful message. This home-coming was the first Sunday in July. We surely feasted on the good things of the Lord. Pray for me. I have loved ones who need to be saved, so pray for them. Also pray for our little band of God's children and our precious little church here at Towe Chapel.—George Fowler, R.F.D. 3.

Appreciate Prayers—God Answered

PRINCETON, N. C.—Greetings in Jesus' name. A good while ago I wrote you to pray for me to be healed and God so wonderfully answered prayers that I feel led to tell about it. Having blood poison, pus collected in two places—to be exact around each of my hip bones. I was in terrible pain. A message was sent for prayer to the Evangel. My husband called in the doctor. The doctor said there was nothing that he could do, I would have to have an operation, and more than this, the operation would have to be performed by a most skilled surgeon as the pus was undoubtedly several inches under the flesh, and this operation must be done within seventy-two hours. Twenty-four hours later I became completely unconscious under the power of the Lord. When I came to myself I did not have a pain. Two hours later I found that I had an incision about three-fourths of an inch long and the pus was oozing out. Praise the Lord forever. It pays to be a child of God. I appreciate those

prayers more than I can tell you. May God bless you. Won't you please join with me in praying for my husband to see the light on holiness?—Mrs. Bradley N. Hinton.

He Comes to Our Rescue

SILVER POINT, Tenn.—I praise God for what He has done for me. About four weeks ago I was sick and the Lord healed me. I thank Him for it. He has healed in our home so many times. I can't praise Him enough. I find Him so precious to me and my family. As I often think, it takes neither silver nor gold when we are sick, just humbleness before God and He will come to our rescue in time of need.

I have been in this good way for over sixteen years. I have four children in sin. Pray for them that they will be saved before it is too late, and pray for my husband, he is backslidden and is in bad health. Pray for me that I will always be a humble servant for Jesus.—Mrs. Walter Huddleston.

God Is Answering Prayer

LANCASTER, Calif.—I thank all those who have been so good to send me tracts to read and give to the lost. I know they will be a great help in winning some soul to God. My husband is making a great change since I requested prayer for him. Keep praying; I know God will save his soul and he can be so much help in winning those other boys in camp for God.

I am so far from home and so homesick, but I am homesick for heaven most of all. Pray lots for me.—Pauline Carroll, Gen. Del.

The Lord Helped Me Through Dark Places

BAXLEY, Ga.—I praise the Lord and thank Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and helping me to stand until this present moment. I also praise and thank Him for His great healing balm; He is so real to me. I have been being so nervous and run-down that it seemed at times I would almost go crazy. I fell off in weight and seemed that I wasn't contented anywhere much except when I was enjoying the sweet Spirit of God. I knew I was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, but sometime the old devil would try to make me doubt while I was so weak. I was not in bed but very little and sometime would hardly know what I was worried about, but, thank God, I prayed and asked others to pray for me. Thank God, I am feeling fine tonight. At times I can feel a touch of it, but I ask an interest in

everyone's prayers for the complete healing of my body of whatever the trouble may be.

At times the way seemed so dark and dreary, but I would take my burdens to the Lord and just behind the clouds the sun was still shining. How I do thank God for taking me through the dark places and helping me to the bright side again. I also thank God for healing two sore places which were on my face.

Pray for loved ones who are unsaved.—Mrs. Elesa Ahl, Rt. 2.

God Gets All the Praise

SARASOTA, Fla.—I praise God for healing my babies; they were wonderfully touched. God gets the praise for it all.—Mrs. Paul Walker, Myakka River State Park, Rt. 1, c/o Allen Crowley.

We Went to God for Help

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—I praise and thank God for His many blessings. He has so graciously showered on us. For the past several years I have been trying to serve God and walk in the light, but an experience several weeks ago put me to taking inventory of my past life. Our six-month-old baby was taken with pneumonia and for three weeks we kept him in the hospital. I prayed for his healing and many other dear saints prayed earnestly and fervently. No assurance of his life would the doctor give us. My husband and I went to God and got willing for Him to take our baby. The Lord helped him through his illness and operation. This is why I owe everything to God and why I want to serve Him more. Pray for us that we will do God's will, especially my husband who is a bus driver and comes in contact with many temptations and trials.—Mrs. Albert White, Rt. 2.

The Lord Wonderfully Undertook

ENNIS, Tex.—Praise the Lord for a wonderful healing. I suffered three months with a sore hip and shoulder. I was prayed for many times; the Lord wonderfully undertook about a week ago. I was sitting at my machine sewing when a little song came to me like this: "Raise your windows high; let the hallelujahs roll, for I feel the fire a-burning down in my soul." I praise the Lord because He spoke to me and said, "Now if you will go down to Sister Alford's and let her lay her hands on you I will heal you." I went just like the Lord had commanded me and God healed me.—Mrs. Willie Edwards.

Pray for Complete Healing

BOONEVILLE, Miss.—I praise and thank my dear Redeemer for what

He has done for me. About a year and a half ago the doctors told me I had T. B. I wasn't able to sit up. I had an X-ray made and found both my lungs covered from top to bottom with tuberculosis. The doctors said I could not possibly live. I did not have anywhere to go but to the Lord, so I began to call on Him, and had others to pray for me. Praise His name, I'm still here, able to write this word of praise. I only weighed eighty-eight pounds when I began asking Him to heal me; now I weigh one hundred and fifteen pounds. I give God all the glory for no doctor has done anything for me. I am not completely well, but I know God is able to heal me completely.—Mrs. Arch Henderson, Rt. 1.

I Give Jesus the Praise

WILLIAMSBURG, Pa.—I thank God for healing my body. I know if He had not undertaken for me I would have died, but praise His name, He touched and healed me. I give no one the praise but Jesus. He still heals as well as saves.—Sister Hazel Hamilton.

Defeating the Enemy

TIFTON, Ga.—We truly praise the Lord for the prayers that have been answered. The Church of God was set in order seventeen months ago. The devil tried in every way to defeat us in building a church in Tifton, but we praise the Lord for sending Brother Jim Dooley. We believe he is a real child of God and his whole life is consecrated to the call of Christ. We have all learned to love him and his family. The foundation has been laid and we are expecting the church to be finished in eight weeks. Pray for us here.—Mrs. W. E. Conner.

Blessed in Many Ways

THONOTOSASSA, Fla.—We thank and praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing since our new pastor, Brother Byrd, has been here. The Lord meets with us in so many ways. Sister Byrd started having prayer meeting every evening and God is blessing, for which we praise the Lord.

We have already bought a new living room suite and two new rugs. Praise the Lord! We know God is able to bless in everything we start for Him. We thank God for all. Pray for our church.—Thelma Brown.

Growing and Glowing

RICH HILL, Mo.—Our church is growing and glowing for God. Souls are being convicted of sin. God is blessing the saints. The Sunday School and Y.P.E. are doing fine and increasing in number. Pray always for the church here in Rich Hill.—Mrs. E. R. Waller, pastor; Martha Reffett, reporter.

Anna Ellis, pastor, 14 E. Walnut St.

District Being Blessed

PRICHARD, Ala.—Dear Evangel Readers, We are glad to tell you how God is blessing on this district. In the very beginning Sister Wiggins, wife of our new pastor, brought a stirring message on "Prayer." The following Sunday Brother Wiggins brought another on "Obedience." Oh, how God is honoring their ministry. Sunday night there was no message from either. The precious Holy Ghost took charge. There was a full house. We had shouting and dancing all over the church. How we do thank God and Brother Ellis for sending them this way.

Then over at Crichton! Oh, such a wonderful speaker there for a revival. Sister Foshee is giving out the life-saving Word. Backsliders are coming to God. Brother Coker, the pastor, is so humble. God is really blessing on the district. We covet your prayers. We are looking forward to the greatest year yet.

Brother Richard, you said you wanted to see some good news in the Evangel. Please take note. Brother Richard was the retiring pastor and held the standard of the church high.—A sister in Christ.

Stonefield, Miss., District Ministers' Meeting

The Stonefield district ministers' meeting convened Tuesday afternoon and evening, Oct. 5, at Friendship Church of God. The good pastor, Rev. George Tingle, and wife made us feel welcome, even though they were new on the district. The entire district is much pleased to have them.

As the ministers and laity from the churches of the district gathered, the great Giver of life met with us. Oh, such a wonderful spirit prevailed among the saints. Our district pastor, Rev. E. L. Newton, was at his best and it seemed God stamped His approval on the entire meeting in such a wonderful way. May this district ministers' meeting mean much to the people of the entire district and help us to never lose sight of the cross. Pray much for us.—Mrs. J. B. Richardson, Rt. 1, Marks, Miss.

WINCHESTER, Ky.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival at the Church of God with Rev. Eugene Patrick, of Hazard, doing the preaching. Two were saved and the saints made to rejoice, with many souls stirred and made to wonder. Pray for this young man as he goes on preaching the Word of God in its fulness.—E. R. Waller, pastor; Martha Reffett, reporter.

THE SLAVERY OF SIN

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can drink liquor and smoke cigarettes as heavily as men.

SATAN, the god of this world, is leading the slaves to the tune of his subtle and death-dealing music. He is the instigator and promoter of sin. People won't believe this to be the case, but that does not alter the true facts of the situation. Jesus told the Jews they were "of their father the devil, and the lust of your father you will do." Satan is subtle and yet cruel. He transforms himself into an angel of light and at heart he is a murderer. The end of his plans is plainly revealed in the scriptures. He knows his doom is sealed by God and it is his avowed ambition to drag everyone he can possibly get with him. Eternal destruction lies at the end of the road for every sinner who does not get free through Christ!

However, as we look upon the case we cannot lay all the blame at the devil's doorstep. God made man in His likeness, which includes the ability to WILL. The will is a powerful faculty! A French criminal on the scaffold said, "I rebelled against my nurse, my father, my mother, my teachers, the state and if there is a God in heaven, I rebel against Him too." Men today possess the very same volitional ability Adam had. The truth still is that men sin because they give consent to it. Men are not to be pitied as complete unfortunates, but they must be blamed for their voluntary transgressions which have condemned them before God, Isa. 59:2. If man is not to blame then God must be blamed for making man the way He did.

Lastly, we shall consider the CONSCIENCE. It is a blessed thing that man still possesses a portion of that godlikeness he received from his Creator. Romans 7 teaches us that the law of this awakened sinner's mind approved of the law, but he was sold under sin and was powerless to perform what his understanding approved of. The worst sinner in the country can give you a clear conception of how a person should live. He can tell you what standard Christians should live by. It is a most blessed thing man has retained this important faculty through all the storms he has gone. If listened to, the conscience will lead you to the Lamb of God. Paul exclaimed in Romans 7, when the condemned sinner was about to give up all hope, "I thank God through Jesus Christ," in answer to the question, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" "The Lion of the tribe of Judah hath prevailed"

for poor sinful man and we are happy to know He has prevailed for some of us.

RELIGION AND THE WORLD

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Russians call Josef Kaiser, read prayers in German every morning through the Moscow microphone.

"Orthodox priests appeared on the street in their black cassocks for the first time since the Bolshevik revolution. Astonished children trotted along beside them, asked who they were."

STUDENTS' TESTIMONIES

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do with the money, it would encourage me to keep working. At the end of the five weeks I had made \$20.00. That was just a little over enough to get me to school, but I never doubted. I mailed my application to Brother Tharp and soon received my acceptance card.

The Sunday night before I left for Bible School was a very happy time for me. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Gann, told the congregation about my going to Bible School trusting the Lord. They gave me fifty dollars in about five minutes. Then the Y.P.E. had \$16 in their treasury. They also gave this to me. Before Friday came I had around \$110! I appreciate all this more than I will ever be able to tell. I do want to be a humble servant of the Lord, that my life will be a blessing to this world. — Thelma Gresham, Thomaston, Ga.

You'll find me at school
Where the pupils are best,
Where Jesus is welcome
And hearts have been blest.

What school might this be?
Not a person need guess,
There's only one like it—
This grand B. T. S.

God gave me this chance;
He has meant much to me.
A tool in His workshop
Is all I would be.

—Alice Josephsen,
Millville, N. J.

FILLING GOD'S HOUSE WITH MEAT

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this dark, cold and unfriendly world of sin, and help to catch a few more souls and then they can do the same thing and in so doing the great work will continue to multiply. We can have God's smiling approval upon us while living, working, sacrificing, and suffering with Him for this world of souls, praise His name!

Now, don't you just feel like working hard and doing everything you can to make this year the most successful year of your Christian experience? Let's never push all the load on others, but let's get each shoulder to the wheel and each one do his part to see the great work go on. In so doing a greater love will create in our hearts for the great work of the Lord. When Christian people are full of the love of God, His ordinances are kept and His house filled with meat.

Come on, Church of God folks, just a little more labor and suffering together with the Savior, then some glad day we'll go to live with Him forever, yes, with Jesus our Savior, our Master and our Redeemer.

THE CUSTOMS OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

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is only one way that we can have the old-time blessings and power of God in our churches and that is to kick the devil out with his paint buckets and hair curling tools, dress as becometh holiness, pay our tithes, support the mission work with offerings, live up to the teachings of the Church of God, and preach the gospel uncompromisingly, regardless of the consequences.

God said to the sons of Jacob in Malachi 3:7, "From the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Therefore ye are cursed with a curse. Bring ye the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house." You would not go to the drug-store if you wanted to buy groceries, nor to a barber shop if you wanted to buy meat. You would go where they kept what you wanted. If you pay your tithes into the storehouse of God, you will find the bread of life and meat for your soul in the Church of God, and joy and blessing in the Word. God has invited you to prove Him and see if He will not open the windows of heaven and pour out blessings upon us. "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say? If ye love me, keep my commandments. Wherefore, beloved, let us beware, lest we be led away with the error of the wicked and fall from our own steadfastness: but grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, giving much diligence, that we may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless at his coming."

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

PRAY FOR:

The Lord to heal me of ulcerated stomach and heal my limbs, I can hardly get from one room to the other; my family.—Mrs. Ferbie Powers, War Housing Project, Apt. 88-B, Goldsboro, N. C.

The Lord to care for my son who is in the air corps; his wife.—Lora Dowd, Cobbtown, Ga.

My father to be saved and healed, he is suffering with an infected fevered leg and other ailments; the healing of an infant's body, Gaynell Miller; the healing of Joe Smith who is in the hospital with a nervous breakdown, somewhere in the Canal Zone.—Mrs. Lewis W. Davis, Box 145, Anawalt, W. Va.

My children and me, we are facing a serious problem; my father and mother-in-law, both have had a stroke.—Mrs. Hattie Middleton, Rt. 5, Tifton, Ga.

My aged father who is sadly in need of prayer for his body and that he will be faithful to God until he is called away; a needy request of my own.—Mrs. Bonnie Balinger, Rt. 3, Cleveland, Tenn.

The healing of my body; my home.—Mary Cleveland, Rt. 2, Colquitt, Ga.

Esther Stafford to be healed; me to be healed of nervousness; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Godwin to be healed.—Mrs. Roscoe Godwin, Ehren, Fla.

My son who is in the army hospital; my husband to be healed.—Mrs. John

Fields, Rt. 3, Box 174, Orangeburg, S. C.

God to heal my body, I know He is able.—Miss Georgie Page, Rt. 1, c/o Emanuel Clemmer, Iron Station, N. C.

God to undertake for my husband.—Mrs. Bertha Jones, 5 Central St., Clayton, N. C.

My brother who has stomach ulcers, rupture and a severe cold.—Mrs. J. I. Matthews, Rt. 1, Cahokia St., East St. Louis, Ill.

The complete healing of my head of sinus trouble; the healing of my wife's body.—V. T. Chears, 122 F, Geo. Legare, Navy Yard 54, S. C.

Me to be healed of a serious affliction.—John L. Hilburn, 4816 Larkin St., Houston 7, Texas.

My son who is in the army and is going through his second operation.—Rev. W. C. Clay, Olney, Texas.

My daughter, also my husband and unsaved children.—Mrs. O. C. Wilson, 50 First St., Trion, Ga.

My leg, which was amputated July 5, to heal so I can wear an artificial leg; I also want full and free salvation.—George Carter, Franklinton, La.

The healing of my little boy, he is extremely nervous and this is his third year to miss school; my two sons in service; the healing of my body.—Sallie Thurman, Rt. 1, Elvins, Mo.

God to undertake for me in a special way for a special cause.—Mrs. Avy Renfroe Pace, Rt. 1, Box 32, Ft. Myers, Fla.

The saving and healing of my daughter, she has paralysis in her face.—Mrs. Ethel Godwin, 24 Sixth Ave., N. W., Cairo, Ga.

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IN MEMORY OF

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HENRY

Mrs. Iva M. Henry, Wilmington, Del., wife of Rev. M. K. Henry and an evangelist in the Church of God, passed away September 30, 1943. Sister Henry was a devoted Christian who was loved by all who became acquainted with her. Some of her last words spoken to her husband was "I am safe in Jesus." She was a member of the Church of God at Penns Grove, N. J.—Rev. J. W. King, pastor, 1 Union St., Penns Grove, N. J.

KIRK

Mrs. Litha Lawson Kirk, Delbarton, W. Va., passed away August 11, 1943. She was a faithful member of the Delbarton Church of God.—W. H. Compton, pastor, Delbarton, W. Va.

PICKERS

Sister Linnie Pickers, a faithful child of God, passed to the great beyond on October 9, 1943, leaving two small children. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.—P. F. Fritz, 1403 Noah St., Johnston City, Ill.

HOSKINS

John Hoskins, of Asher, Ky., died at his home Sunday night, October 3, 1943, with a heart attack. He was a faithful member of the Church of God for many years.

Christ wept for love's sake for the wicked Jews of Jerusalem who were shutting the door against mercy, when they themselves should have been weeping for gratitude to Him for His unmerited offer of such a bounteous gift.

MISSIONS AND ORPHANAGE RECEIPTS BY STATES (3D QUARTER)

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Delaware	369.61	68.28	Louisiana	954.57	126.62
District of Columbia	255.77	23.05	Maine	313.03	208.05
Florida	7,771.60	2,137.01	Maryland	3,225.43	318.87
Georgia	7,764.59	7,657.50	Massachusetts	227.06	4.32
Idaho	126.05	50.59	Michigan	6,337.24	1,063.29
Illinois	2,593.92	2,059.70	Minnesota	37.30	55.64
Indiana	597.89	99.87	Mississippi	2,467.84	263.25
Iowa	671.36	536.04	Missouri	1,566.82	678.41
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